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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, PARAMILITARY OPERATIONS
CHIEF, SE DIVISION

SUBJECT : Preparation of Staff Studies in accordance with
PSB D-31, dated 26 November 1952

1. PSB D-31 establishes five courses of action as an interim strategic concept for a national psychological program with particular reference to cold war operations under NSC 10/5. The courses of action listed should be given greater emphasis than they are currently receiving, and satisfy the criteria of effectiveness, feasibility, acceptable risk, and flexibility. Detailed studies may reveal that effective action within some of these categories is beyond our capabilities. Accordingly, CIA is called upon to prepare individual priority studies with respect to each course of action. A particular course of action of direct concern to you is extracted below, as follows:

"Detachment of Albania.

"Because of Albania's unique geographical position, its detachment from the Soviet orbit may be feasible. The principal advantage gained would be its psychological effects both in subjugated countries and in areas under intense Soviet pressure, although there would also be useful additional by-products of a military nature, especially as regards the position of Yugoslavia and Greece. It would be a demonstration that a continuing Soviet advance is not inevitable and that a retraction of Soviet power is practically possible. A preliminary estimate indicates that detachment could be accomplished by Albanian personnel and without the overt participation of Western military forces.

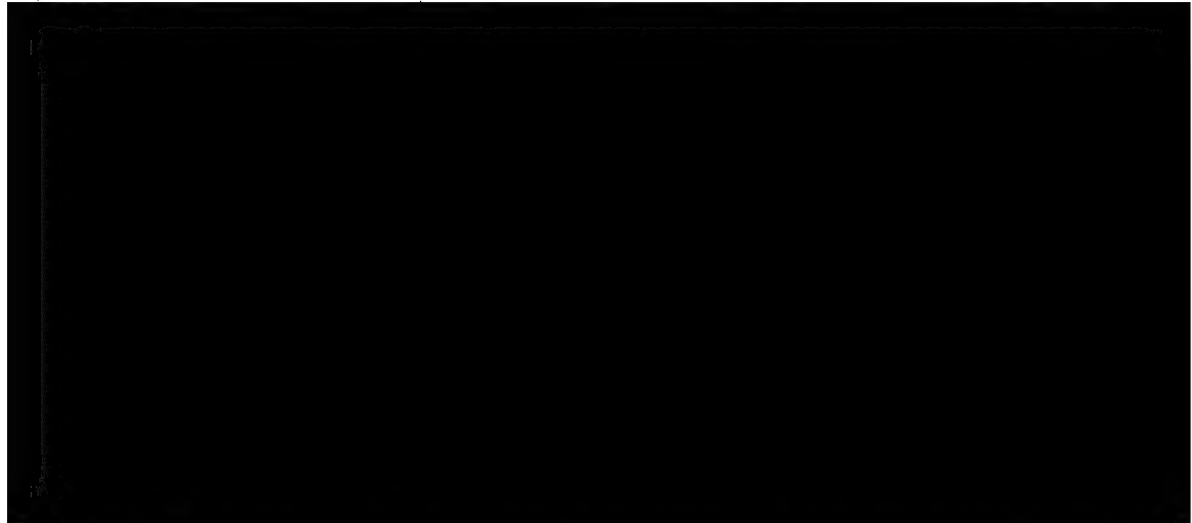
"A detailed plan should be made by CIA covering each step in such action up to its successful completion, including time phasing and all logistic aspects. Estimates should be made of personnel and material requirements, together with plans for meeting them. Detailed appraisal should be made of the probable degree of secrecy that could be maintained throughout and the extent of public awareness of the covert assistance of the U. S.,

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2. CPM is assigned the primary staff responsibility for coordinating with the SE Division the preparation of the required detailed plan.

3. It is desired that the detailed plan and estimates be completed and submitted to DD/P-PPC by 1 March 1953.

FRANK G. WISNER
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